

FISCAL NOTE

SB 809 - HB 1600

April 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the "Tennessee Plumbing Trades Act" including the following provisions:

- Requires each political subdivision to establish a joint plumbing advisory board and a joint plumbing license board or use existing plumbing licensing boards and provides for the political subdivision to determine the powers and the duties of such boards. Specifies that each board will have not less than two master plumbers, two journeymen plumbers, two plumbing contractors, and two mechanical engineers.
- Outlines licensing requirements for master plumbers, journeymen plumbers, and apprentices.
- Requires plumbing businesses to employ a master plumber and maintain an established place of business with facilities for receiving complaints and calls.
- Specifies that there will be a one-year grace period from the effective date of the act in which individuals will not be required to be licensed but must have submitted licensure applications within 180 days of the effective date of the act.
- Specifies requirements for plumbing contractors and cross-connection control specialists.
- Provides that all licensing fees and examination fees can be determined by the local boards.
- Specifies that provisions do not apply to employees of municipal departments, or gas, sewer or water systems or to activity required to be licensed by the Contractors Licensing Act or to medical gas piping work.
- Specifies that a person not licensed who is engaging in work for which a license is required has committed a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- local governments will experience an increase in revenues from licensing and examination fees which is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.
- local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs of establishing and operating the required boards, for developing rules and examinations, and administering the licensing and examination

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programs. This increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

- the impact also depends upon the number of persons convicted of the misdemeanor offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director